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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING MAGNETORESISTIVE DEVICE, THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD AND HEAD ASSEMBLY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

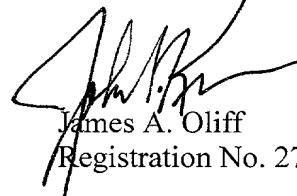
Please amend Figures 2, 5, 16A, 16B, 17A, 17B, 18A, 18B, 19A and 19B as set forth in the attached Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections.

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in this Application. By this Amendment, the drawings are amended. No new matter is added.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections

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APPENDIX

Changes to Drawings

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